

LARNET HALL.

MARCH 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Larnet Hall, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That this claim, if a claim it can be styled, was presented to Congress at its last session, and an adverse report made thereon by the Committee on Claims in the following words: "That the claimant was keeper of the light-house at Ned's Point, Massachusetts, in 1848. When appointed to this office he purchased of the keeper who had preceded him sundry improvements which had been made upon the premises at private cost, paying therefor, as is alleged, the sum of \$450. When he was afterwards removed by the government he claimed payment for these improvements. They were constructed at private expense, for *private* convenience and comfort, and without any authority of law. Mr. Hall may have paid the amount stated, partially, no doubt, as an inducement to the incumbent to resign, and the improvements may have been worth the amount, but the transaction was one of a private character entirely, and one with which the government had nothing to do."

It does seem to your committee this *exposé* of the emptiness of petitioner's claim would have silenced it, so far as Congress is concerned; but such seems not to be the case, and your committee therefore again adopt the previous report, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

